The Student Right: Racist, Martial, Insular

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Behind the perpetually locked door of a Connecticut Avenue office sits a large affable man who is organizing to meet campus violence with counter-violence.

His offensive is rooted in a complex philosophy, propelled by a number of contemporary rightist authors, that "Western civilization" is imperiled and must be preserved from alien influence. That means mostly Jews, Negroes and other non-northern European minorities.

"On the campus, there's too much education and not enough action," summarizes Louis T. Byers, 37, energetic organizer of the 2000-strong National Youth Alliance, a post-election holdover of the Youth for Wallace movement.

Byers' plan: to mobilize cadres of rightist—students to crush radical left action such as the seizure of buildings. This will be done first by applying pressure on college administrations, alumni and police to stop the action. If that fails, the cadres will physically intervene themselves.

The cadres will be trained in the "martial arts," he says, meaning karate, judo, wrestling and boxing.

"We intend to be a permanent force on the American scene," Byers said in an interview. He envisions not only a continuous NYA surveillance of campus life but also a network of public relations programs, electioneering and "white studies" curriculums at major universities.

Courses in white studies will include, he says, genetics, eugenics, ethnology, biology and anthropology.

"The purpose of these will be to demonstrate the nature of mankind," he says.

FRANCIS PARKER YOCKEY
. . . cultural imperative"

"The equality myth will be exploded forever."

Byers' inspiration: the 619-page book "Imperium," by Francis Parker Yockey, a philosophical treatise extolling the virtues of Western civilization, particularly as manifested in northern Europe. It defines Jews, Negroes, Indians and other assorted minorities as "parasites and "distorters" in the Western body and calls for fulfillment of the West's "cultural imperative" to remain pure, separate and dominant.

"Imperium is a great book," says Byers. "I read it once a year."

The philosophy of the hard right appears different from that of the conventional conservative right in three fundamental ways:

- It is overtly and unashamedly racist.
- It believes in centralized authoritarian economics, not laissez faire.
- It disapproves of involvement in foreign wars or territorial expansion, especially when they result in racial or ethnic admixtures between the conquerers and the vanquished.

Byers' office, just opened in a single room on the eighth floor at 1346 Connecticut ave. nw. near Dupont Circle, is intended to become not only the nerve center for organizing and expanding NYA, but also a disseminating point for a large stock of Yockeyist "Western culture" literature.

He has ordered 25,000 paperback copies of "Imperium" from Noontide Press in Torrance, Calif., and hopes to offer other books by anthropologists, economists and philosphers with sympathetic views.

He says he is now recruiting new NYA members through a 15,000-person mailing list of former Youth for Wallace campaigners. Annual dues range from $3 to $10. Members wear an "inequality" button displaying the mathematical symbol for "unequal."

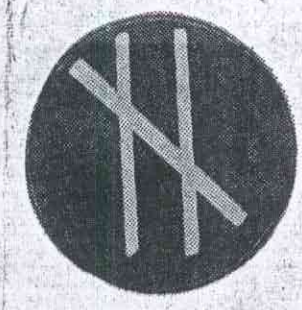
Additional financial support comes from appeals to persons on a second mailing list of 200,000 adults, he says, as well as the residue of some $45,000 left over from the Youth for Wallace campaign last fall.

"We have no angels, no big money supporting us," he says. "We consider $20 a big contribution."

Byers, a fast talking, articulate Philadelphian, acquired the Youth for Wallace mailing lists and funds through his work in the campaign for George C. Wallace in Pennsylvania last fall.

"I was an adviser to Dale Milford (Wallace's field operations man in the western sector of that state) and worked with the Youth for Wallace groups there," Byers explains.

Immediately after the November elections, he says, "The Youth for Wallace people came to Washington, and we set up the National



The symbol of inequality.

Youth Alliance.

"We wanted a continuum in the leadership and the financing," he says.

Four-Point Program

At the first organizational meeting, NYA's four-point program was established: to oppose dangerous drugs and "run those who push them off the campus, physically if necessary"; to "neutralize and overcome black power"; to "stamp out anarchist groups" on campus by "forcible expulsion" when necessary; and to "bring peace to America by resisting any attempt to involve us in foreign wars."

An article in the current issue of the American Mercury by Dennis C. McMahon, listed as NYA vice president, is more explicit:

" . . . destruction and annihilation of the campus red front has been sorely needed for many years . . . The NYA will meet violence with violence . . . Tar and feathers will be our answer to the pot pusher . . . The left will be forced to cower in the sewers underground as they hear the marching steps of the NYA above them."

American Mercury is now a quarterly magazine published by Noontide Press, specializing in Yockeyist writings and stern anti-communism.

Adult Advisers

Byers also handpicked a five-member adult advisory board to lend NYA stature. Byers calls the members "hard-core patriots."

The anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Group Research, Inc., both of which maintain files on right wing personalities, describe them as strongly racist, anti-Semitic or both. The five are:

- Revilo P. Oliver, 59, Urbana, Ill., professor of classical languages, University of Illinois, former John Birch Society figure and associate editor of the society's magazine, American Opinion.
- Richard B. Cotten, 50, Bakersfield, Calif., broadcaster and editor-publisher; his radio commentary and monthly publication are called "Conservative Viewpoint."
- John G. Crommelin, 66, Wetumpka, Ala., retired Navy rear admiral, who was an unsuccessful candidate for U.S. President in 1960 under the National States Rights Party and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in 1962.
- Pedro A. Del Valle, 75, Annapolis, retired Marine lieutenant general, who was an unsuccessful candidate for Maryland governor in 1954.
- Austin J. App, Takoma Park, Md., former English professor at LaSalle College, Philadelphia, who has headed a post-war organization called the Federation of American Citizens of German Descent.

Disciple of Oliver

Byers said he deliberately sought "professors and military men" as advisers to the youth movement. He is a personal disciple of Oliver and studied under him for several years.

In selecting the five, Byers said he was concerned about "smear attacks" on them.

"Yeah, I know, people say they're anti-semitic," he commented. "Well, the kids on the campus aren't going to be bothered by that.

". . . I wouldn't say they're anti-Semitic — maybe anti-Zionist. There's a difference, you know . . . I don't care if some of them are anti-Zionist."

He defined anti-Zionism as a movement against creation of an "artificial Jewish state to be used as a geopolitical base for international control of the free world."

The five adult advisers have frequently gone on record in a number of racial and political issues.

Crommelin, the most strident of the group, repeatedly named the "Communist-Jewish conspiracy" as the cause of racial integration and the source of U.S. governmental control during his campaign for the Senate in 1962.

Del Valle, a career Marine, wrote the book "Roman Eagles Over Ethiopia," praising the "sagacious leadership of the Fascist dictator" in the Italian invasion of that country in the 1930s.

Both Cotten and App are contributing editors of American Mercury. Crommelin has been a stockholder and Del Valle is currently an officer of the Christian Educational Association that publishes the overtly anti-Semitic, 40,000-circulation news sheet, "Common Sense," in Union, N.J.

Quit John Birch

Cotten and Oliver both quit the right wing John Birch Society some time ago because, as Byers puts it, "They raised the racist issue and the John Birch Society doesn't feel that racial differences count."

LOUIS T. BYERS

". . . the equality myth."

Byers himself was a coordinator for the society in western Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia until NYA was formed last November. He came to Washington where he has friends, among them Willis A. Carto, founder of the ultra right wing Liberty Lobby and author of the introduction to Yockey's Imperium.

""I'm a personal friend of Willis Carto and we are distributing books from Noontide Press," in which Carto has a financial interest, Byers says.

Imperium, the primer of NYA, contains a combination of esoteric intellectualisms and crystal clear denunciations of the "distorting" influences in Western civilization.

Despite their "economic utility," says Yockey, Negro slaves in America were a "large, prolific and totally-alien parasitic body."

"Anti-Semitism," he says, "is precisely analogous in culture pathology to the formation of anti-bodies in the bloodstream in human pathology. In both cases, the organism is resisting the alien life."

The American population, he concludes, consists "of a bare majority that is indisputably American racially, spiritually, nationally. The other half consists of Negroes, Jews, unassimilated southeastern Europeans, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese, Siamese, Leventines, Slavs and Indians."

Yockey, an American lawyer, wrote Imperium in Ireland in 1948 after becoming disgruntled with his assignment at the Nuremberg war trials. He died in a San Francisco jail cell in 1960 shortly after he was arrested on a passport violation.